

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12 and 15-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment claims 15-18 are added. Support for added claims 15 and 16 can be found in the specification, for example at page 11, lines 15-18. Support for added claims 17 and 18 can be found in the specification, for example at page 11, lines 19-24. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Shah in the October 11, 2007 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

As asserted in the September 19, 2007 Amendment, and as discussed during the October 11, 2007 personal interview, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, in the March 27, 2007 Office Action rejects claims 13 and 14 is moot in light of the amendment to claims 1 and 2 (in the September 19, 2007 Amendment) to include the features of claims 13 and 14, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

As asserted in the September 19, 2007 Amendment, and as discussed during the October 11, 2007 personal interview, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been rendered moot because claims 13 and 14 (the features of which are acknowledged by the Office Action not to be disclosed in any of the cited references) were incorporated into claims 1 and 2, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits none of the applied references, alone or in combination teach or suggest, the features of claims 15-18. Thus, claims 15-18 are patentable at least for their dependency from claims 1 and 2, from which they variously depend, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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